question-time, I told him that that was not the proper time for congratulating the Chief Minister. I consulted the hon. the Leader of the House and the Hon. the Chief Minister also. They themselves were not agreeable to any time being allowed for congratulations. I must make this point also clear to the House."

II.—ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS *RE—cont.*

(2) POLICE FIRING AT NADUVATTAM, MALABAR.

Dr. K. B. MENON :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, a Court of Enquiry was appointed by the Government to go into the shooting incident at Naduvattam, Malabar. Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to make a statement with regard to this matter on the floor of the House and allow the House some time for discussion? "

* Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, I gave notice of an adjournment motion to discuss the shooting incident at Naduvattam. It is still pending. It was only after this that an officer, Sri Sathianathan, was appointed to inquire into the matter. It seems from Press reports that a report on this matter has been submitted by him to the Government. We are anxious to have a discussion on the firing incident as well as the report submitted by this officer. But a copy of that report has not been given to us. Therefore, I want to know at what stage that matter stands and when the adjournment motion will be taken up for discussion."

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, there is no question of the adjournment motion pending even now. The adjournment motion was given notice of about a month back and it has to be considered *de novo*. Many things have happened since then. An official inquiry has been made into the matter and a report has been received by the Government. But, as a matter of fact, neither the Hon. the Chief Minister nor have I looked into the report. It has not yet come up for our perusal. As soon as it is perused and the Government have examined the report, an opportunity will, if necessary, be given to the House to discuss that matter."

* Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" I want to know whether copies of the report will be supplied to the hon. Members for their information. Unless we get a copy of the report, how can we participate in the discussion usefully? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I cannot make any statement with regard to that without going through the report."

IV.—SHORT NOTICE QUESTION *RE* CLOSURE OF A MILL AT RAJAPALAYAM.

Sri M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, ராஜபாளயத்தில் மில் தொழிலாளர்கள் கைது செய்யப்பட்டதும், மில் மூடப்பட்டதும் குறித்து நான் சென்ற கூட்டத்தில் ஒரு அவசரக் கேள்வி கேட்டிருந்தேன். அதைப்பற்றி விவாதிக்க தாங்கள் அரைமணி நேரம் விவாதம் கடத்தவும் அனுமதி அளித்தீர்ள். ஆனல் சபை ஒத்தி வைக்கப்பட்டு விட்டது.

ஆகவே அந்தப் பிரச்னையைப்பற்றி விவாதிக்க நாளைக்கு சந்தர்ப்பம் கொடுத்தால் தேவலையென்பது என்னுடைய கோரிக்கை. அதற்காக நான் சர்க்கார் கட்சித் தலைவரின் யோசனையையும் அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்.''

* THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—'' Information was available with reference to the state of affairs existing then. I think it will be quite out of date now. If the hon. Member wants to know the present state of affairs there, he should give me some time so that I may obtain the necessary information. If the discussion is taken up after that, it may be useful. But if we discuss it now, we will only discuss matters relating to what existed about a month and a half back.''

MR. SPEAKER :—'' We shall take up the next item on the agenda. I think the hon. the Deputy Leader of the Opposition wants a change in the order of business and the Hon. the Leader of the House will move the necessary motion.''

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—'' Sir, the hon. the Deputy Leader of the Opposition has represented that Resolution No. 6 should be taken up first. It is, in effect, the same as Resolution No. 1.''

MR. SPEAKER :—'' Let us take up the Bills first and then go to Resolutions.''

V.—NON-OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

A—Bills.

(1) THE DECLARATION OF MAY DAY HOLIDAY BILL, 1954.

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—'' Sir, I move—

' *For leave to introduce the Declaration of May Day Holiday Bill*, 1954.' ''

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—'' I second it, Sir.''

MR. SPEAKER :—'' Motion moved—

' That leave be granted for the introduction of the Declaration of May Day Holiday Bill, 1954.'

'' When a Bill is introduced, the mover simply introduces it. If there is any objection, then I shall allow a few minutes to the hon. Member who opposes the motion and a few minutes to the mover to explain their respective viewpoints. Then, I shall put the motion to the vote of the House.''

* THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—'' Sir, I want to make a short statement with reference to that. I want to follow a convention which is prevalent in the Parliament. At the introduction stage, there need not be any formal opposition to the introduction of the Bill. But that does not mean that we accept the principle of the Bill. That only means that we do not want to object to the introduction of the Bill at the stage of introduction. I think that would be a better convention.''